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FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND SECRETARY BROWN

WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, MASS, IS, US, OVIP (WEIZMAN, EZER)
SUBJECT: WEIZMAN-BROWN MEETING AFTER CAMP DAVID

REF: STATE 211367

1. HAD AN UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY OVER DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT
(AUGUST 19) TO TAKE UP DELICATE PROBLEM OF WEIZMAN'S
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY BROWN OVER MATMON C.

2. WEIZMAN UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT BEING TOLD THAT IMMEDIATE
POST-CAMP DAVID PERIOD WILL NOT BE USEFUL MOMENT FOR HIM TO
SEE BROWN, SINCE THIS WILL NOT BE GOOD TIME FOR CONCRETE
DECISIONS. HE HAS INVITED BROWN TO VISIT ISRAEL LATER IN
THE FALL, HOPES HE WILL COME, AND SUGGESTS THAT WOULD BE
BETTER TIME TO COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND CONVEY
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DECISIONS. (OR HE COULD GO TO WASHINGTON LATER IN YEAR IF
BROWN UNABLE TO COME HERE.)

3. MOREOVER, AFTER CONSIDERABLE VACILLATION, WEIZMAN NOW
DEFINITELY PLANS TO ATTEND CAMP DAVID TALKS WHETHER GAMASY
GOES OR NOT. BEGIN WANTS HIM THERE, HE SAYS, AND HE HAS
AGREED TO GO, INTENDING TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN TO HELP

PRODUCE A SUCESSFUL OUTCOME. HE THINKS HE SHOULD NOT REMAIN BEHIND IN WASHINGTON AFTER CAMP DAVID CONCLUDES, BUT SHOULD BE WITH BEGIN WHEN HE RETURNS TO ISRAEL -- "SHARING EITHER IN THE APPLAUSE OR ALTERNATIVELY GETTING BACK TO MY TROOPS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS." UNLIKE SOME OTHERS HERE, WEIZMAN ATTRIBUTES CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CAMP DAVID OUTCOME.

4. I TOLD HIM I WAS SURE THAT SECRETARIES VANCE AND BROWN WOULD UNDERSTAND HIS DECISION TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY FROM CAMP DAVID--BUT REMAINDED HIM THAT THIS WHOLE SEQUENCE HAD BEGUN WITH THE URGENT REQUEST FROM BEGIN TO VANCE THAT WEIZMAN GO TO WASHINGTON. WEIZMAN SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF ANY POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WITH BEGIN.

5. AFTER THIS MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED, WE SAW PRESS REPORTS INDICATING THAT SECRETARY BROWN HAD SAID ON AUGUST 20 "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" THAT WEIZMAN WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN IN THE U.S. AFTER CAMP DAVID TO DISCUSS MATMON C. POLCOUNSELOR CALLED WEIZMAN' AIDE, TEHILA, MORNING OF AUGUST 21 TO ASK IF WEIZMAN, IN VIEW OF SECRETARY BROWN'S REMARKS, STILL PLANNED TO RETURN TO ISRAEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUMMIT. AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS MINISTER, TEHILA SAID WEIZMAN NOW WANTED DECISION ON WHETHER TO STAY ON IN U.S. OR NOT LEFT OPEN, THAT HE WOULD "PLAY IT BY EAR."

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